

January 16, 2022

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Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 10:30am

Weekday Masses: Monday 9:00am, Tuesday 6:00pm,

Wednesday through Friday 9:00am

Reconciliation: **Saturday 3:00pm** or by appointment

## SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Saturday Vigil: \*5:30pm Sunday Mass: \*8:30am & 7pm

Weekday Masses: *No weekday Mass until 01-31-22*

*\*=This Mass streamed live*

Reconciliation: **Sunday 8:00am** or by appointment

860-742-0681 or 860-429-6436

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

## Our Lady Queen of Peace

... is the Catholic Community comprised of Saint Mary Church in Coventry and Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel in Storrs at the University of Connecticut

We are committed to serving God and His people as we continue our journey of faith.

We are grateful to the Lord for your presence with us and look forward to including you in all areas of our life together.



**Rev. Jonathan Ficara**  
Pastor &  
Campus Minister

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**Deadline for bulletin submissions: Monday by 3pm. Send to [bulletin@olqop.com](mailto:bulletin@olqop.com)**

#### Sacrament Certificates

Sacramental records in the Roman Catholic Church are always recorded at the parish in which you were baptized, regardless of where the other sacraments were conferred.

If you were baptized at Saint Mary or Saint Thomas Aquinas and you need a copy of any of your sacramental certificates (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, etc.) please reach out to Eileen at Saint Mary Church at 860-742-0681 or by email [eileen@olqop.com](mailto:eileen@olqop.com)

#### Engaged Couples

Couples need to reach out to the Parish office at least six months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

#### New Parents

Congratulations! Now please contact Eileen to register for baptism preparation.

## Sanctuary Candle Memorials

The Sanctuary Candles which burn near the Tabernacles at Saint Mary and Saint Thomas are available for one-week memorials, Sunday to Saturday, for \$15.00. Please contact Eileen at Saint Mary or Ernie at Saint Thomas to have the candle lit in remembrance of your beloved deceased.



**This week, the Sanctuary Candle at Saint Mary is lit in memory of**

# Bob Noble

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sharon Albert • Mary Attardo • Craig Barnes • Suzy Bender

Nancy Caye • Norman & Elizabeth Cyr

Andrew Cullen • Gary Demko • Sandra Floer

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Barbara Temm • Marianne Petr-Wall

Henrietta Wood • Victor Zetterstrom Jr.

**Homebound:** Marilyn Turner

*If you know someone who is sick and in need of prayer,  
please let us know*

## Prayer Requests

Who do you call when you need prayers for loved ones, friends, or even for your own intentions???

***The Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Network:***

We are your fellow parishioners who have formed a prayer phone chain to pray along with you through sickness, loss of loved ones, financial problems, and for anything that brings worry or sorrow.

These prayerful petitions are also added to the prayer intentions at First Friday Devotions at 7pm on the First Friday of the month at Saint Mary Church.

To start the prayer network simply call the Church offices either at St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Mary; or call the coordinator Laurie Felix- 860-742-9495. You can always leave a message. **If you would like to be one of our Prayer Warriors**, call Laurie Felix.



## Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Offering

*For January 9, 2022*

Weekly	10,241.00
Other	1,136.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,377.25</b>

*Thank you for your generosity*

## You can give electronically to your Parish

- WeShare Online Giving site:** Set up a recurring donation and link it to your bank account or a debit/credit card at [give.olqop.com](http://give.olqop.com)
- Personal Online Banking/Bill Pay:** Manage your donation through your own bank account. Pay your parish the same way you pay your electric bill! Setup a recurring payment (weekly or monthly) to: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish and setup the mailing address as either St. Mary or St. Thomas. *(Bonus: with option #2; the parish does not incur a fee!)*

# New to the Bulletin/Upcoming Events

## Knights of Columbus



### Basketball Free-Throw Competition

The Coventry KofC Council 4313 **Basketball Free-Throw Competition** will be held in the Windham Community Center at **Jillson Square in Willimantic** on **January 20, 2022 at 6pm**. All kids ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate. Proof of age must be provided at time of registration. Winners for each age group will go on to participate in the KofC District competition immediately following the Council competition. Winners of the District competition will go on to compete in the KofC State free throw championship. Contact Bob Beaulieu via email [rbeaulieu54@gmail.com](mailto:rbeaulieu54@gmail.com) for any questions.



### French Meat Pie Dinner

The St. Jude Council will be hosting a **Take-Out only French Meat Pie Dinner** on **Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, starting at **5:00 PM at St. Mary Church**. The cost for the dinner is \$15.00, and includes French Meat Pie, carrots, Cole slaw, bread and butter, and a dessert. Beverages will not be provided. Orders will be taken from your cars in the parking lot, and food will be delivered to your car. Masks are required. Whole meat pies will be sold after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, 1/23, for \$20.00. To reserve your whole pie, or for more info, contact Dan Garafola at [dgarafola.smpc@live.com](mailto:dgarafola.smpc@live.com) or Rick Parr at [rick.parr@hotmail.com](mailto:rick.parr@hotmail.com) – phone: (860) 742-9818.



## RESULTS OF CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROGRAM

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in this year's Our Lady Queen of Peace Christmas Tree Giving Program. Again this year, the program was different because of COVID-19, and we are so grateful for **over 600 gifts plus \$700 in gift cards** that were distributed to Catholic Charities, Coventry Human Services, Holy Family Home and Shelter, St. Joseph Living Center and W.A.I.M.

Volunteers sorted, counted, packed and transported gifts between the churches and to the receiving agencies, and this year we had the assistance of several Confirmation Class students. **A big thank you to all who participated in any way**—you have made this Christmas season a happier one for many of our neighbors and have kept the true spirit of CHRIST in Christmas!

We look forward to continuing this tradition next year.

*Fr. Jonathan, Barbara Sloan, and Cathy Kennelly*

## Dangerously Low Blood Supply

Give blood Jan.1 through 31 and you'll be entered for a chance to win an exciting **Super Bowl LVI getaway in LA** for you and a guest!  
As an extra thank-you from the Red Cross, those who come to donate by Jan 31 will also be **automatically entered to win a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card.**

### Blood Drive at Saint Mary Church

**Monday, January 17—11:30 AM - 04:00 PM**

## SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady Queen of Peace  
**2022 Women's ACTS Retreat**  
**May 12-15**

**Enders Island Retreat Center**  
Contact Elizabeth at [tiggpercy@gmail.com](mailto:tiggpercy@gmail.com)

— Date Change —

### Women's Retreat: *Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist & Everyday Life*

Ladies, join us for this **FREE virtual (Zoom) Women's Retreat** on Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 9am-3:30pm presented by women from **Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Coventry/Storrs**.



Unite for a day of talks, discussion, prayer, reflection, & song. Hear about encountering Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist at Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, & everyday life. Fr. Jonathan Ficara will start us off with a prayer. Hear an engaging presentation by Deacon John Hunt from the archdiocese of Boston plus discussions of personal experiences from women like you. Don't miss this opportunity. Limited to 50. Register by 1/24/2022. To register, email Elizabeth Percy at [tiggpercy@hotmail.com](mailto:tiggpercy@hotmail.com)

## Temporary Change in Mass Schedule

### SAINT MARY

Saturday Vigil: **4pm**  
Sunday: **10:30am**

### Weekday Masses:

**New! Monday 9am**  
Tuesday **6pm**  
Wednesday—Friday **9am**

### SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Saturday Vigil: **\*5:30pm**  
Sunday: **\*8:30am & 7:00pm**  
*\* = these Masses are livestreamed*

**Weekday Masses:**  
*planned to resume January 31*

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

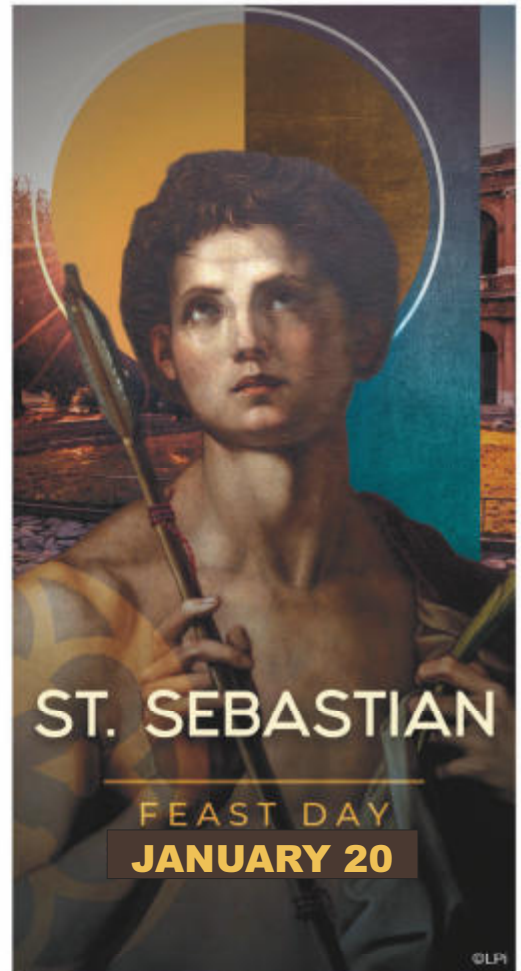
- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
- Tuesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Thursday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Friday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

As a young man marries a virgin,  
your Builder shall marry you;  
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)



## PSALM

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the  
nations. (Ps 96)



## SECOND READING

But one and the same Spirit produces all  
of these,  
distributing them individually to each  
person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)



## GOSPEL

Jesus did this as the beginning of his  
signs at Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in  
him. (Jn 2:11)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

## Mass Intentions

### THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SATURDAY

- 3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Mary  
 4:00pm † **Norman Cyr Jr.**, r/b Norman and Elizabeth Cyr  
 5:30pm † **For the People of the Parish**

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Thomas Aquinas  
 8:30am † **John J. Bruno**, r/b John and Mary Bruno  
 10:30am † **Stephen Friedrich**, r/b Mike and Mary Cross  
 7:00pm † **For Those Who Died In the Pandemic**

#### MONDAY

- 9:00am † **For the Deceased Members of the Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

#### TUESDAY

- 2-6pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church  
 6:00pm **For the Recovery of Rachel Payne**, r/b Grandma and Grandpa

#### WEDNESDAY

- 9:00am **Special intention for Barbara Koepke**, r/b Laurie Felix  
 2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

#### THURSDAY

- 9:00am **Birthday Blessings for Sara Garafola**, requested by The Garafolas  
 2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

#### FRIDAY

- 9:00am † **Mass of Reparation for Abortion**  
 2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

#### SATURDAY

- 1:00pm ♥ **Marriage of Alyssa Zima and Jordan McCray**

### THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SATURDAY

- 3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Mary  
 4:00pm † **Chick Bowen**, r/b Barbara Koepke  
 5:30pm † **Dorothea Mercier**, r/b Jeanne Haas

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

- 8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Thomas Aquinas  
 8:30am † **For Those Who Died In the Pandemic**  
 10:30am † **Stephen Friedrich**, r/b Mike and Mary Cross  
 7:00pm **For the People of the Parish**

## INTO THE BREACH

### A VIRTUAL DAY OF REFLECTION

January 29, 2022, 9am – 3pm

*Into the Breach* is an apostolic exhortation by Bishop Olmstead of Phoenix which explores the need for men to step into the breach in the battle for the family. The Knights of Columbus has produced a series of 12 videos based on Bishop Olmstead's work.

The Day of Reflection on January 29, 2022, from 9:00am-3:00pm will include prayer, presentations, talks and discussions on topics of Masculinity, Brotherhood and Fatherhood.

## Weekly Happenings

#### SATURDAY

*No Events*

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

12:00nn **AA Meeting**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement

#### MONDAY—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY—OFFICES CLOSED

11am-4pm **Red Cross Blood Drive**— [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), Saint Mary Hall

7:00pm **Rosary and Novena**, Saint Mary Church

#### TUESDAY

10:00am Staff Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY

5:30pm **AA Meeting**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement

7:00pm **Legion of Mary**, Saint Mary

#### THURSDAY

*No Events*

#### FRIDAY

*No Events*

#### SATURDAY

5:00pm **French Meat Pie Take-Out Dinner**, Saint Mary

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

12:00nn **AA meeting**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement

*~ All Events planned to be 'live' unless otherwise noted ~*

## Join us for the DIOCESAN VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

STREAMING WEDNESDAY NIGHTS,  
January 26 to March 2, 2022, from 6:30- 8 PM

We will be reading and discussing

### Tobit's Dog

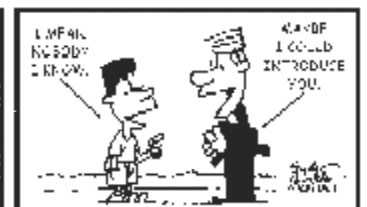
by Michael Nicholas Richard

This is the retelling of the biblical story of Tobit, set in North Carolina during the Depression. It brings life in surprising ways to the beloved Old Testament characters, including the important but often overlooked family dog.

Our book club moderator will be Andrea Hoisl, Director of the Office of Faith Events.

Space is limited, for details and to register Please contact Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or 860-848-2237 ext. 304

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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